

Submitter: Malcolm Costello

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316

To Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members:

As a proud Oregonian of some 33 years standing, I appreciate the vision and insight of our 52-year-old Land Use Legislation whose focus on Urban Growth Boundaries and the protection of natural spaces has maintained what many of us love about Oregon today.

HB2316 would jeopardize this for future generations by allowing sprawl housing development on public lands outside urban growth boundaries—costing taxpayers more by requiring the state to invest heavily in roads, water, and emergency services before a single home is built. Instead of pushing development into sensitive areas, we should focus on surplus public lands inside our cities—places where families can walk to school, visit the doctor, and support local businesses. We should incentivize the building of 3-bedroom apartments and condos that can meet family housing needs without sacrificing the landscapes that make this state special.

Please reject this measure. I appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony.

Regards,